

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 532

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Estelle Hayes
on the celebration of 101st birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Estelle Johnson Hayes will celebrate her 101st birthday on January 25th, 2011, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Orrville and Naomi Johnson, Estelle Hayes was born in the Fairview community of Williamson County, which was, at that time, known as Jingo. Her childhood and adolescence were spent in the White Bridge Road and Charlotte Pike area of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, her industry was much needed by the family, so Estelle Hayes began retail endeavors while still an elementary student. Accompanied by her equine partner, Ole Bill, Estelle Hayes took orders and made home deliveries throughout the area for her step-father's grocery business from the bed of a horse-drawn wagon; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, she wed her school mate, James Hayes, and he soon left for Cleveland, Ohio with the promise of more prosperous employment. In short order, his bride joined him, and it was there that they made their home for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hayes continued work with several major retailers, and she became the first woman hired by the Kroger company to work in its stores; and

WHEREAS, of her many years of public work, Mrs. Hayes most treasures the time spent in the employ of the Ohio Bell telephone company, especially when stationed at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport where she met and served many famous people. Clark Gable and Betty White

are two of the most notable, and she was quite taken by the beauty and friendliness of Ms.

White; and

WHEREAS, since 1972, Estelle Hayes has been an upstanding and respected citizen of Hendersonville, and she is a member of Lakeview Church of Christ in that community. Now in her later years, she has chosen to be a resident of Morningside of Gallatin where she is much loved and pampered; and

WHEREAS, Estelle Hayes is the mother of one son, James P. Hayes, Jr., and she enjoys the love and affection of her granddaughter and three grandsons; and

WHEREAS, as Estelle Hayes moves on into her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, and takes great pleasure in talking with others about the storied history of the Nashville in which she grew up; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Estelle Hayes on the celebration of her 101st birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.